

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, KNOWN AS THE "PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEE ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, known as the "Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance," which established fees to be charged by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue for the provision of transport services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to ensure the receipt of the Medicare maximum allowance for ground transport services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. Section 13-58, paragraph (b), of Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

(b) The following fees and service charges are to be imposed:

Effective January 1, 2007:

(1)	BLS Transport Fee	\$395.00	<u>\$450.00</u>
(2)	ALS1 Transport Fee	\$395.00	<u>\$450.00</u>
(3)	ALS2 Transport Fee	\$495.00	<u>\$610.00</u>
(4)	Mileage	\$7.95 per mile	<u>\$8.00 per mile</u>

Effective January 1, 2008:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$470.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$470.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$630.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$8.50 per mile</u>

Effective January 1, 2009:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$490.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$490.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$9.00 per mile</u>

Effective January 1, 2010:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$510.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$510.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$670.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$9.50 per mile</u>

Effective January 1, 2011:

(1)	<u>BLS Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$530.00</u>
(2)	<u>ALS1 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$530.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>	<u>\$690.00</u>
(4)	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$10.00 per mile</u>

SECTION 2. Repeal of Laws in Conflict

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. Severability:

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held by a Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances:

The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 6. Effective Date:

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2007.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, on the 19th day of December, 2006.

Attest:

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 

Deputy Clerk

By: 

Addie L. Greene, Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


Asst. County Attorney

Filed with the Department of State on the 21st day of December, 2007.⁶

LOCAL AGENCY COMPARATIVE FEE SCHEDULE*

Prepared by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue
Last updated 10/4/2006

Agency	BLS	ALS1	ALS2	Oxygen	Miles	Comments
BOCA RATON (rates given by ADPI)	\$512.66	\$512.66	\$661.50	n/a	\$9.38	Changes automatically each FY by the CPI
DELRAY BEACH	\$435.00	\$450.00	\$570.00	n/a	\$8.66	Proposed Rate to be effective 10/2006
RIVIERA BEACH (rates given by ADPI)	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$575.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 1/1/06
NORTH PALM BEACH	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	n/a	\$7.00	Effective 11/03 (one flat rate for all levels of service)
PALM BEACH COUNTY (Proposed)	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$610.00	n/a	\$8.00	Proposed Effective Date 1/1/07
PALM BEACH GARDENS (rates given by ADPI)	\$375.00	\$425.00	\$495.00	\$30.00	\$8.00	Effective 10/1/05
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE	\$359.00	\$411.00	\$419.00	\$30.00	\$7.70	Special handling for critical care transports \$50-75;
PALM BEACH	\$390.00	\$408.00	\$513.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 10/05
LAKE WORTH	n/a	\$400.00	\$550.00	n/a	\$6.00	Effective 2/7/06
BOYNTON BEACH	\$325.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 2004
PALM BEACH COUNTY (Current)	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$495.00	n/a	\$7.95	Effective 4/1/04
GREENACRES	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$495.00	n/a	\$7.95	Effective 2005
WEST PALM BEACH	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$540.00	n/a	\$8.00	Effective 2/05
TEQUESTA	\$365.00	\$365.00	\$495.00	n/a	\$6.50	Effective 2005
MEDICS AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$280.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$30.00	\$7.70	Effective 12/05
MEDICARE ALLOWABLE RATE	\$298.69	\$354.70	\$513.38	N/A	\$6.05	Effective 1/1/06
Average Rate of Agencies Surveyed:	\$393.97	\$415.12	\$508.46	\$30.00	\$7.77	

*The above rates were obtained by Fire Rescue Support Staff through communication with staff at local agencies listed.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
I, SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk & Comptroller certify
this to be a true and correct copy of the original
filed in my office on **DEC 19 2006**
dated at West Palm Beach, FL on **1-03-2007**
By *Judith Crocker*
Deputy Clerk

